

## **North Common — \$500,000 to \$550,000 estimate**

- **What is the exact amount of this CPA funds requested?**

The estimated total cost of the project is \$590,148 for a two-year design build improvement funded by the PARC grant. The cost for the first year (FY16) of design is \$50,000 and \$540,000 for construction the second year (FY17). The PARC grant is a reimbursement program such that the Town will pay the total cost and be reimbursed 70% up to \$400,000. The total expected cost to the Town is \$190, 148.

- **What features of this Common are historical and should be preserved given its history has been one of change and also that some has been paved to make a parking lot?**

The Town Common itself—open lawn, parking and roads, trees, seating as well as the surrounding buildings—is a contributing landscape in the Amherst Central Business District. The Town Common is part of the roadway (it is not a property) and has always had roads and parking on it, along with lawn and trees. A significant feature of the Amherst Town Common is that it has retained this general character for nearly 300 years. In many other communities the Common has been developed so that the green space is a small fraction of its original size.

The project proposes to rehabilitate the North Common according to National Park Standard by “altering or adding to a historic property to meet continuing or changing uses while retaining the property's historic character”. The plan is to enhance seating and interpretation around the WCTU Fountain, use historic markers to interpret the Common and its context (see attached markers used in Salem), and maintain the open character of the Common (with minimal structures and visual obstructions) that has helped define it for generations. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has reviewed the PARC grant application including the proposed concept plan and determined that proposed project will have “no adverse effect” on the Central Business District (see attached letter).

- **Can we see copies of the PARC grant submitted in July 2015?**

Please see the attached PARC grant application.

- **Could we see a detailed budget, including amount spent on design (year 1)?**

Please see the attached PARC grant application.

- **Is any tree preservation envisioned?**

Yes, many of the existing trees are incorporated into the design—only 2 of the 16 existing trees are indicated for removal on the concept plan. That being said, this section of the Town Common, including the tree plantings, has not been developed following a comprehensive design. It is expected that a new design will keep some of the existing trees and propose new trees as necessary. The Public Shade Tree Committee and Town’s Tree Warden have attended

the public meetings and reviewed the concept plan, and offered opinions on which trees should remain and be removed.

- **The proposal is presented as a design-build plan wherein the “the first year of design will allow for extensive public outreach” with involvement of committees, the business community, and other local organizations. However, the proposal references a fairly detailed conceptual design, including “wide generous sidewalks, small plazas...moveable tables and chairs, substantial bench seating...and an interpretive plaza around the WTCU foundation...” To what extent is this conceptual design fixed?**

In order to apply to the PARC grant program, a municipality must have concept plans that are at least 25% complete and can be used to develop a reliable cost estimate. The program understands that as a design-build grant there will likely be changes to the plan submitted with the application. Through the design process the location of pathways and seating could change, as could other information presented on the concept plan.

- **Alternatively what is the process by which public input might amend it in any way? In particular, if this is funded, who will make decisions regarding choices such as increased paving of the common, tree removal/replacement, development of structures, and so on?**

The Town Common is part of the road right of way and not Town property and is under the jurisdiction of the Select Board, who has the ultimate authority over the design of the North Common. As part of the design process, the Historical Commission and LSSE Commission, along with Town staff, will work with the selected designer to have the plans reviewed by the many stakeholders, including the Public Shade Tree Committee, Public Works Committee, and Design Review Board. The plans will also be presented to the public and other local organizations at a series of public forums.

- **How has public input been solicited, in particular since the previous CPA & PARC request, and what public input has been obtained to date? The application mentions three public forums. Can we get the dates, number of attendees, and minutes or other documentation or reports from those events?**

The recent planning process for the North Common co-sponsored by the Historical Commission and the Leisure Services and Supplemental Education (LSSE) Commission has involved three widely publicized forums held over two years—in January 2013, April 2014 and June 2015—to gather input about improvements and general design guidelines for the North Common. Each forum was attended by 15-20 individuals who provided comments and suggestions about the existing conditions and proposed future improvements to the North Common. Please see attached two slides from the June 2015 presentation that summarize comments from the two previous forums.

- **Has there been any outreach to organizations such as the Peace Vigil people soliciting their input?**

The public forums were advertised to many of the stakeholders who use the Town Common. If the Town receives a PARC grant, the first phase of design will identify additional organizations and users of the common to solicit their input.

- **As noted in the proposal, the North Common is particularly notable for its many trees, dating back to the work of the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association 150 years ago. What is the vision for tree cover in the conceptual design?**

The concept design retains all but 2 of the existing 16 trees and proposes planting 6-10 understory and canopy trees. The design provides shade for the sitting areas and along the pathways, and will add canopy in anticipation of the existing trees aging.

- **Can we see the full conceptual design? (Can't find it on town website).**

Please see the attached PARC grant application.

- **How large is the current greenspace on the North Common? Will the new design include the same amount of greenspace or will more land be paved over for sidewalks, paths, plazas, etc.?**

The concept design includes wider sidewalks and more interior pathways as well as more areas for sitting and gathering, in an effort to encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the space and to accommodate where people walk now, which is often not on the walkway. The design works with the existing topography to use paved areas to help fix the drainage and to better accommodate pedestrians with accessible pathways where people want to walk. The design may add more hardscape but the upshot is that the green space will be better maintained to help grass and plantings grow.



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

August 17, 2015

Nathaniel Malloy  
Town of Amherst  
Town Hall  
4 Boltwood Avenue  
Amherst, MA 01002

RE: North Common Rehabilitation and Modernization, Spring Street, S. Pleasant Street, Main Street, and Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, MA; MHC# RC. 52780

Dear Mr. Malloy:

Thank you for submitting additional information for the project referenced above, which was received at this office on July 30, 2015. The staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the information submitted and have the following comments.

The proposed project consists of rehabilitation of the North Common including new walkways, benches, lighting, and sitting areas. The project also includes improvements to drainage and erosion. The information provided indicates that the project will use PARC grant funding.

Review of the MHC's *Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth* indicates that the North Common, historically known as the Amherst Town Common, (AMH.905) is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places as a contributing element of the Amherst Central Business District (AMH.B).

After review of MHC's files and the information submitted, MHC has determined that the proposed project will have "no adverse effect" (950 CMR 71.07(2)(b)(2)) on the Amherst Central Business District.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 9, sections 26-27C (950 CMR 71.00). Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Sherva of my staff if you have any questions.

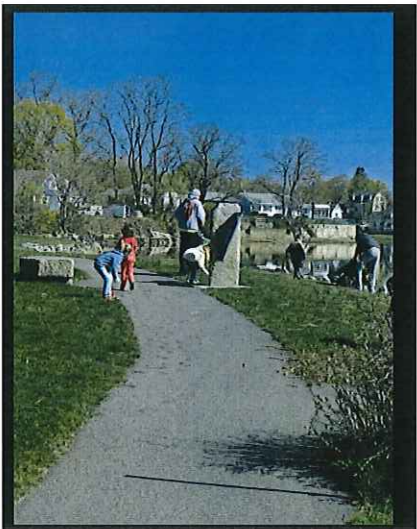
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: Melissa Cryan, Division of Conservation Services, EEA  
Amherst Historical Commission

## Historic markers in Furlong Park, Salem, MA



# Comments from January 2013

- Key area in downtown for visitors, businesses and families
- Need accessible sidewalks and seating
- Keep as much green space as possible
- Small, flexible plaza(s) for seating or events
- Trees are an important element of the space
- Art and sculpture should be incorporated into design
- Long-term maintenance is an issue
- Have design competition

# Comments from April 2014

- Think big and creatively about space
- Small performance space or eliminate it
- Use green infrastructure-permeable pavement, rain gardens
- Small sitting spaces for families and places for children
- Activate the space with design and amenities
- Fix erosion and drainage
- Use plantings and ground cover—not grass—to define areas and paths
- Lighting at night

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4. **Briefly describe the project on TWO attached pages.** Use the PARC Rating System as an outline for the description, as well as the items bulleted below, to ensure the maximum score possible for your project.

a.) Acquisition Projects:

- site location – in an Environmental Justice neighborhood and/or site's distance to the nearest park
- rare species (include letter from NHESP) (to determine if NHESP must approve site plans)
- historic or archaeological resource (include letter from MHC) (to determine if MHC must approve site plans)

b.) Development or Renovation Projects:

- describe facilities being developed
- describe community needs, including park equity/need in this neighborhood
- new acres dedicated as parkland
- brownfield projects must submit 21E evaluation and, at the minimum the Executive Summary of a Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment under state cleanup regulations (Massachusetts Contingency Plan), or a Response Action Outcome statement for each Response Tracking Number – communities must begin cleanup at site prior to grant award so that project can be completed within contract period

c.) All Projects:

- non-vehicular accessibility of the site (bike paths, public transit, etc. – show on map)
- water-based recreation (include linear footage of bordering water resource)
- fiscal or for maintenance cooperation with any other governmental agency (state, federal, county), private nonprofit, local business, etc.
- location in an Environmental Justice neighborhood or area of the community that lacks park resources (show on map)
- consistency with any nearby State Priority Development or Preservation Areas as shown on the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan, Merrimack Valley Land Use Priority Plan, 495/ MetroWest Development Compact Plan, Metro North Plan, or CMRPC Plan
- description of enhanced public outreach in Environmental Justice neighborhood
- environmental education/interpretive services planned for site
- vegetation plan for site – number of trees that will be planted at the park
- regional or statewide facility (communities applying in these categories should submit a Usage Report)



- accessible via public transportation (within a 1/2-mile walk)
- parking for 100 (or more) vehicles

##### 5. Proposed Funding:

The PARC program is a **reimbursement** program. Grant recipients are reimbursed after invoices have been paid. **The total project cost must be raised or appropriated by the municipality shortly after project approval if it has not already been appropriated.** Costs incurred prior to grant approval and contract execution are ineligible, including design costs. Force account labor, volunteer hours, and donations are also ineligible. Refer to PARC regulations (Section 5.07) for eligible cost details. Sample budget can be found in Attachment E.

Total Eligible Project Cost:	\$ <u>590,148.00</u>
PARC Request:	\$ <u>400,000.00</u>
(52-70% of total project cost based on Equalized Valuation Per Capita, can be found on DCS web page, maximum of \$400,000)	
Municipal Share:	\$ <u>190,148.00</u>
(Community Development Block Grant via federal or local government sources, Community Preservation Act, etc., please specify in narrative)	
Other:	\$ <u>0.00</u>
(i.e. private donation to community, fund raising, etc. Note that any donations for the project must be put into a municipal account earmarked for the project as EEA can only reimburse on a canceled municipal check.)	

(PARC Request + Municipal Share + Other = Total Eligible Project Cost)

##### Attach a one page description of the proposed project budget including:

The source of all local funding including donations and Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.

- Description of the details of any donation, if applicable (be sure these funds are gifted to the community and earmarked for the project).
- Description of any other sources of funding including federal, state, municipal, or nonprofit organizations. List these partners and describe their contribution. Not all sources of state and federal funds are compatible with every DCS grant program.
- Budget should be broken into two distinct fiscal years for renovation and development projects – FY 16 costs associated with design, FY 17 costs associated with construction. Please note that PARC grants cannot reimburse municipalities for design costs only.

**6. Project Type:** Please indicate type of project, refer to the program's regulations for definitions (Sec 5:03) and to the list of required attachments found at the end of this application form to substantiate any "yes" answers. Indicate here whether:

- ☒ Your municipality is an urban population center (city of any size or town with 35,000 or more residents)
- ☐ Your project qualifies as a regional or statewide project (town with 35,000 or less residents whose proposed project has public transportation access and/or over 100 car parking) (submit a Usage Report)
- ☐ Your project qualifies as a "small town" project (town with 35,000 or less residents) – please note that these applications will be competing amongst themselves in a separate pool for \$250,000
- ☐ Your municipality is on Cape Cod or the Islands (eligible for \$400,000 grant award maximum)

### 7. Community Preservation Act

Has your community passed the Community Preservation Act?



Yes



No

If "yes", please note that successful grant applicants that have purchased real property interests for open space or recreational purposes using money from the Community Preservation Fund must have all conservation restrictions required by Section 12 of Chapter 44B approved by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and recorded prior to receipt of final project reimbursement from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Also, any communities that have acquired land through the Cape Cod Land Bank must show CRs as well (for file records only).

8. Describe **outstanding leases, restrictions or other rights or interests** held by others in the project site and enclosed copy of the same (for file records only).

There are no outstanding leases, restrictions or other rights on the project site.

9. Is the property **permanently dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes** (MGL Chapter 45, Section 3 or 14)? If not, please submit draft dedication language for DCS review as all PARC projects must be dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes.



Yes



No

10. Are **fees currently charged or proposed** for this facility? If yes, please attach a copy of the fee system. Charging fees is allowed subject to DCS approval. If applicant is awarded a grant, the site cannot be restricted to municipal residents only. If fees are charged based on residency, fees for nonresidents are subject to Section 5.08(3) of the PARC regulations (for file records only).



Yes (copy attached)



No

### 11. Municipal Open Space and Recreation Plan

Describe how your project meets the recommendations in your current Open Space and Recreation Plan. To receive points in this category, you **must** cite specific goals, objectives, and/or actions from the Action Plan and the associated page number references. If we already have a copy of your plan, there is no need to submit another copy.

	Goal, objective, or action plan item from current OSRP	Page #
1	Action: Increase maintenance of the Town Commons, parks and cemeteries and other green spaces in the village centers and the downtown as promotional aspects and attractive destinations in the population centers.	92
2	Action: Establish and enhance open spaces in and around the Town Center and outlying village centers, connected where feasible to other Town trail systems and public transportation, to create a walkable network of urban parks.	86
3	Goal 3. Provide and develop multi-use and multi-generational recreational opportunities that bring townspeople together.	76
4	Action:...make existing parks attractive destinations within higher density areas of Amherst, in particular, develop playgrounds for young children close to downtown and other population centers	71
5	Circle 3-Action Plan Map--priority area to increase recreational opportunities, improve existing facilities and encourage people to use the space	
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### 12. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Describe how your project advances the Goals and Objectives (Chapter 5) in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. It can be found online at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/scorp-2012-final.pdf>.

Rehabilitation of the North Common meets goals 1, 3 and 4 of the SCORP. The installation of new accessible walkways and small sitting plazas increases the connectivity of the town center sidewalk system that links to the local trails, including the literary trail and historic writers walk trail. The revitalized space is within walking distance of many residents and businesses (goal 3) and will encourage more use of the common, helping residents stay active and it will boost cultural and historic tourism to Amherst, an important element of open space noted in the SCORP. The use of green infrastructure—rain gardens, ground cover, plantings and improved soils—will help rehabilitate the common and it will improve the quality of life for the environmental justice populations in the neighborhood (goal 4).

13. Check the following if applicable to project (for file records only):

- ☐ Yes ☒ No Prime agricultural lands (see Ex. Order #193)  
☒ Yes ☐ No Cultural, historic, archeological site: Contact MA Historical Commission (617) 727-8470  
☐ Yes ☒ No Endangered species habitat: Contact MA Natural Heritage Program (508) 389-6300  
☐ Yes ☒ No Environmental intrusion, i.e. overhead power lines (must be buried), safety hazards  
☐ Yes ☒ No Brownfield – 21E evaluation  
☐ Yes ☒ No Located in the State Priority Preservation Area as shown on the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan, Merrimack Valley Land Use Priority Plan, or the 495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, Metro North Plan, or CMRPC Plan  
☒ Yes ☐ No Environmental Justice community/neighborhood (see EJ data viewer at [http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map\\_ol/ej.php](http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/ej.php))

Acquisition projects only

☐ Yes ☐ No Acquisition involving relocation of residents, tenants, or businesses

Do you have a Purchase and Sales Agreement or Agreed Price?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is Clear Title available?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, is an eminent domain taking anticipated?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, proposed pro tanto award amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note that if clear title is not available, the community may decide to acquire the property by a friendly taking (eminent domain) process to clear the title. It is best to know if there is a potential title problem as soon as possible since this can complicate the acquisition process.

Appraisal Report #1

Valuation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Valuation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Appraisal Report #2 (if needed) (see section 2B for details)

Valuation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Valuation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Check if the following permits are required (for file records only):

- ☐ Yes ☒ No U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (404 or Rivers and Waterways)  
☐ Yes ☒ No MA DEP Division of Wetlands & Waterways (617) 292-5518  
☐ Yes ☒ No U.S. Coast Guard  
☐ Yes ☒ No U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Zoos)  
☐ Yes ☒ No C. 131 s. 40 Wetlands (municipal conservation commission)  
☐ Yes ☒ No MEPA Review (301 CMR 11.00: MEPA Regulations) (617) 626-1020

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

If any of the above permits are required, the permit or application for the permit must be submitted. Should the project be selected for funding, the permit will be required as part of the final application.



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Description and History of North Common

Amherst has three original Town Commons located as the focus for historical settlement at the Town Center, East Village, and South Amherst Village. They were formally recognized and dedicated as commons by action of Amherst Town Meeting in 1788 from land in the old highways. The Town Center Common consists of nearly 3.5 acres of open green divided into three distinct sections by roads: South (managed by Amherst College), Central (the largest section used most frequently for programming and large events), and the North Common. The North Common, which is more like an urban park with a paved pathway, shade trees, benches, planters, 1904 WCTU Fountain, and seating walls around trees, is the focus of this funding request. The North Common is also surrounded by downtown cafés, restaurants, and shops with dense residential neighborhoods nearby. It experiences heavy use from downtown workers, local residents and visitors who picnic, sightsee, attend special events like the Amherst Farmer's Market, Puerto Rican flag-raising, and Lighting of the Merry Maple in the winter, and who engage in passive recreation.

Located in the geographic center of the Town, the North Common can be accessed through public transit, is one-half mile north of the Norwottuck Rail Trail, and is connected to the larger sidewalk system of the Town Center that includes the Historic Writer's Walk (<http://amhersthistoric.org/tours/show/1>). It is a contributing landscape in the Central Business National Historic Register District and is within an Environmental Justice neighborhood. As Amherst has become a destination for cultural and historic tourism with local institutions such as the Emily Dickinson Museum, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, and the National Yiddish Book Center, many of these visitors are drawn to the Common for its character and social and civic activity.

While Amherst and its center have grown and expanded, the Town Common has been the dominant landscape feature, evolving from a swampy hayfield in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to an open green on the Central Common and an urban park on the North Common. Although it has undergone various changes, its character and function has remained consistent throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The increased use of the Common, however, has greatly deteriorated its condition: swaths of turf have been trampled to bare earth exasperating erosion and drainage issues, tree roots are exposed because of soil compaction, the limited seating needs to be replaced, the tree planters are rotting and falling apart, the WCTU Fountain no longer works, there are no formal gathering spaces, and the sidewalks are nearly inaccessible with heaving, cracks and failing pavement. Although the North Common is maintained as the focal point of the Town Center, the cost of capital improvements has hampered past efforts to significantly revitalize the space.

### Plans for Rehabilitation and Modernization

This proposal to rehabilitate and modernize the North Common will provide the community with a more flexible, programmable space that preserves, highlights, and respects the historic integrity of a landscape that is central to Amherst's civic and social core. Rehabilitation of the Common will meet goals of the Town's 2005 Preservation Plan and the 2010 Amherst Master Plan that emphasize preservation through increased use of the space with community events and activities, and by increasing the vibrancy of the downtown with more amenities in and around the Common.

Change is nothing new for the Common. It has been altered throughout its history to adapt to community needs, cultural trends and civic pride. The Amherst Ornamental Tree Association, formed in 1867, transformed the utilitarian Common by draining and filling the pond, adding formal walkways and lighting, and decorative fencing and shade trees. The park-like appearance of the Common that remains to this day can be attributed to their work. Subsequent designs and studies have been conducted on the Common, with minor changes but never a full scale transformation as in 1867. The current proposal to rehabilitate the North Common is not a full scale re-design, rather, an integration of current community needs with elements of past plans, including the 1874 Frederick Law Olmsted design that was not implemented and the 1986 Conway School of Design plan that was

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**Improvements & Modernization of the North Common**  
**Amherst, MA**

partially implemented; the existing diagonal pathway, Spring Street parking and some trees are a result of these prior plans.

The recent planning process for the North Common co-sponsored by the Historical Commission and the Leisure Services and Supplemental Education (LSSE) Commission has involved three widely publicized forums held over two years—in January 2013, April 2014 and June 2015—to gather input about improvements and general design guidelines for the North Common. The meetings were advertised in the local newspaper, through postings at Town Hall, Jones Library, Bangs Community Center, coffee shops (Black Sheep and Rao's), and through email notifications to the Business Improvement District (BID) and the Amherst Human Service Network, a group of local non-profits and service providers who work with low and moderate income residents. The outreach was targeted to the many stakeholders who use and benefit from the Common, including local businesses, institutions and the Environmental Justice populations who live in the town center. Each forum involved a presentation that included an overview of the history of the Common, an existing conditions assessment, and concept designs that evolved to reflect the public's comments.

Town staff and the commissions used the suggestions and recommendations from the forums to develop the attached concept plan. Many of the public comments can be categorized into general design parameters that are reflected in the plan: use green infrastructure to manage the erosion and pedestrian traffic, incorporate a few small sitting areas into the park, align pedestrian circulation with existing desire lines, plant shade trees and other shrubs as part of an overall plan for the space, emphasize the historic aspects of the Common, install public art and other amenities to encourage use by families, and retain as much grass as possible. The sitting areas and plazas are designed to advance equity by encouraging more families and children to use this section of the Common and the planned improvements provide an opportunity for all users to enjoy the space by making the pathways and interpretive areas fully accessible. There have also been discussions with the Public Arts Commission about incorporating public art in the space to attract different users, including families and children. Interpretive areas are planned around the WCTU Fountain and with strategically placed markers on North Common that recall its heritage. As a historic landscape, the Town will work with Massachusetts Historical Commission to develop a design that meets current needs and meets the rehabilitation standards of the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes.

The Historical and LSSE Commissions are committed to a design that rehabilitates the Common to adapt to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and meets community needs yet preserves the historical function and character. For instance, many citizens commented that the North Common was used as a cut-through with heavy pedestrian use but few families or visitors enjoy the space for gathering. Integrating elements from previous designs such as wider paths and generous sitting areas will make the space much friendlier for everyday use and for programming for events and celebrations. The design also includes additional elements that can accommodate small events, seasonal celebrations, passive recreation space, and the increased daily activity of the downtown. These include three sitting areas, increased bike racks, lighting at night, buried electrical lines, and wider paths and sidewalks.

It is envisioned that the North Common will become an extension of the local cafes and restaurants with patrons dining and socializing outside in the plazas. The concept design provides significantly more space and amenities to utilize the Common year-round as an integral outdoor space in the downtown. The Amherst Business Improvement District (BID) supports this effort, and has pledged to donate amenities and help with future maintenance. The BID is enthusiastic about an improved Common that will benefit the local community. The Amherst Garden Club will also help to maintain the large planters and would like to be involved with additional plantings. The rehabilitation and modernization will improve the function and aesthetics of the North Common, and it will also improve safety and accessibility—an often-overlooked element that is critical to encouraging expanded use of the space.

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**Rehabilitation & Modernization of the North Common**  
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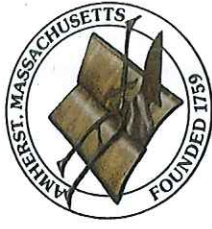
**PROJECT BUDGET**

MHD Item #	Item	Qty	Unit	M-DOT Cost	Estimated Cost
	Decorative Light Poles	15	EA	\$5,000.00	\$75,000.00
120.1	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	650	CY	\$27.50	\$17,875.00
151	GRAVEL BORROW	510	CY	\$35.00	\$17,850.00
170	FINE GRADING AND COMPACTING	350	SY	\$3.13	\$1,095.50
201	CATCH BASIN (Nyoplast Area Drain)	4	EA	\$2850.00	\$11,400.00
269.06	6 INCH SLOT-PERFORATED CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE (SUBDRAIN)	360	FT	\$36.50	\$13,140.00
504	GRANITE CURB TYPE VA4 - STRAIGHT	500	FT	\$36.55	\$18,275.00
685	STONE MASONRY WALL IN CEMENT MORTAR	257.63	CY	\$650.00	\$167,459.50
701	CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALK	1200	SY	\$50.00	\$60,000.00
701.2	CEMENT CONCRETE WHEELCHAIR RAMP	10	SY	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
706	BRICK WALK	140	SY	\$200.00	\$28,000.00
707.1	PARK BENCH	12		\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00
707.15	PARK BENCH REMOVED AND RESET	4		\$775.00	\$3,100.00
707.2	TRASH RECEPTACLE	6		\$1900.00	\$11,400.00
707.6	PICNIC TABLE	8		\$2,216.67	\$17,733.36
707.9	BICYCLE RACK	5		\$1,109.50	\$5,547.50
751	LOAM BORROW	60	CY	\$46.00	\$2,760.00
765	SEEDING	200	SY	\$1.75	\$350.00
767.4	WOOD CHIP MULCH	50	CY	\$66.64	\$3,332.00
776.543	MAPLE - RED - 'OCTOBER GLORY' 2-2.5 INCH CALIPER	4	EA	\$860.00	\$3,440.00
777.036	OAK - NORTHERN RED 2-2.5 INCH CALIPER	8	EA	\$467.50	\$3,740.00
	ENGINEERING/LANDSCAPE DESIGN	1	LS	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION (10%)	1	LS	\$53,649.79	\$53,649.79
<b>Itemized TOTAL</b>					<b>\$590,147.65</b>

<b>Total Eligible Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$590,148</b>	
PARC Request:		
FY2016	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	(70% of \$50,000 for design)
FY2017	<b>\$365,000.00</b>	(70% of \$540,148 for construction)
Municipal Share:		
CPA	<b>\$190,148.00</b>	(entire amount to be voted at Special Town Meeting, Nov. 2015)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$590,148.00</b>	



# North Common



- Property Map
- Aerial Property Lines
  - Basemap
  - Streets
  - Local Roads
  - Major Roads
  - State Routes
  - MHD Roads
  - Limited Access Highway
  - Multi-lane Hwy, not li
  - Other Numbered High
  - Major Road, Collector
  - Minor Road, Arterial

Horizontal Datum: MA Stateplane Coordinate System,  
Zone 4151, Datum NAD83, Feet  
Vertical Datum: NAVD86, Feet

Planimetric & topographic basemap features compiled  
at 1"=40' scale from April, 2009 Aerial Photography.  
Parcels compiled to match the basemap.  
Revisions are ongoing.

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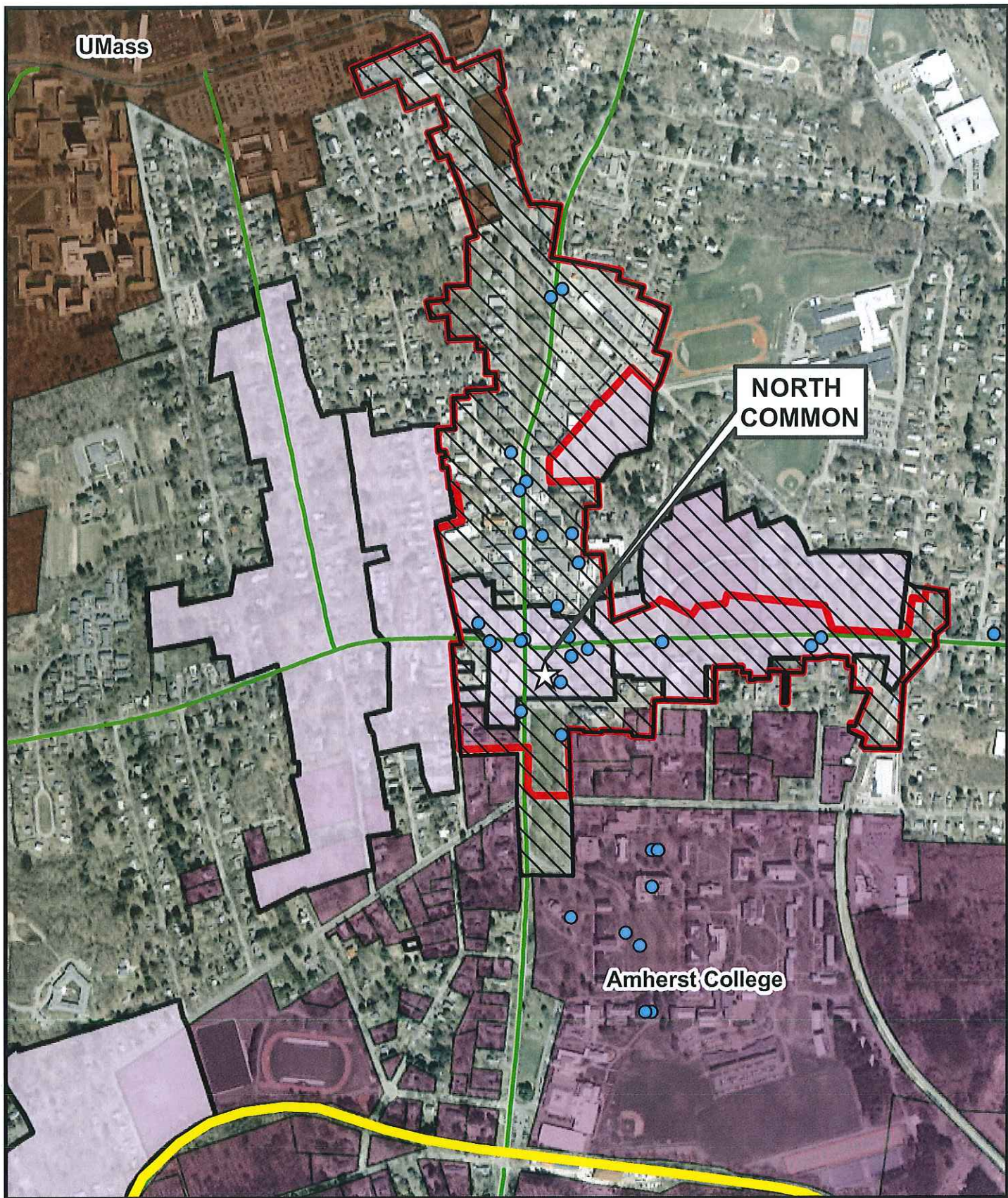


1" = 50 ft

Amherst GIS Viewer







## Amherst Town Center

Horizontal Datum: MA Stateplane Coordinate System, Zone 4151, Datum NAD83, Feet

Planimetric basemap features compiled at 1"=40' and 1"=100' scale from April, 1999 Aerial Photography. Aerial Photography: April, 2004. Parcels compiled through a "best-fit" methodology to match the basemap; revisions are ongoing. Property Lines are not for conveyance purposes.

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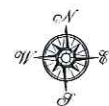
- Proposed Cultural District
- Business Improvement District (BID)
- National Historic Districts

### Institutional Lands

- Amherst College
- UMass

### Public Art

- Public Art
- Norwottuck Rail Trail
- Bike Lanes



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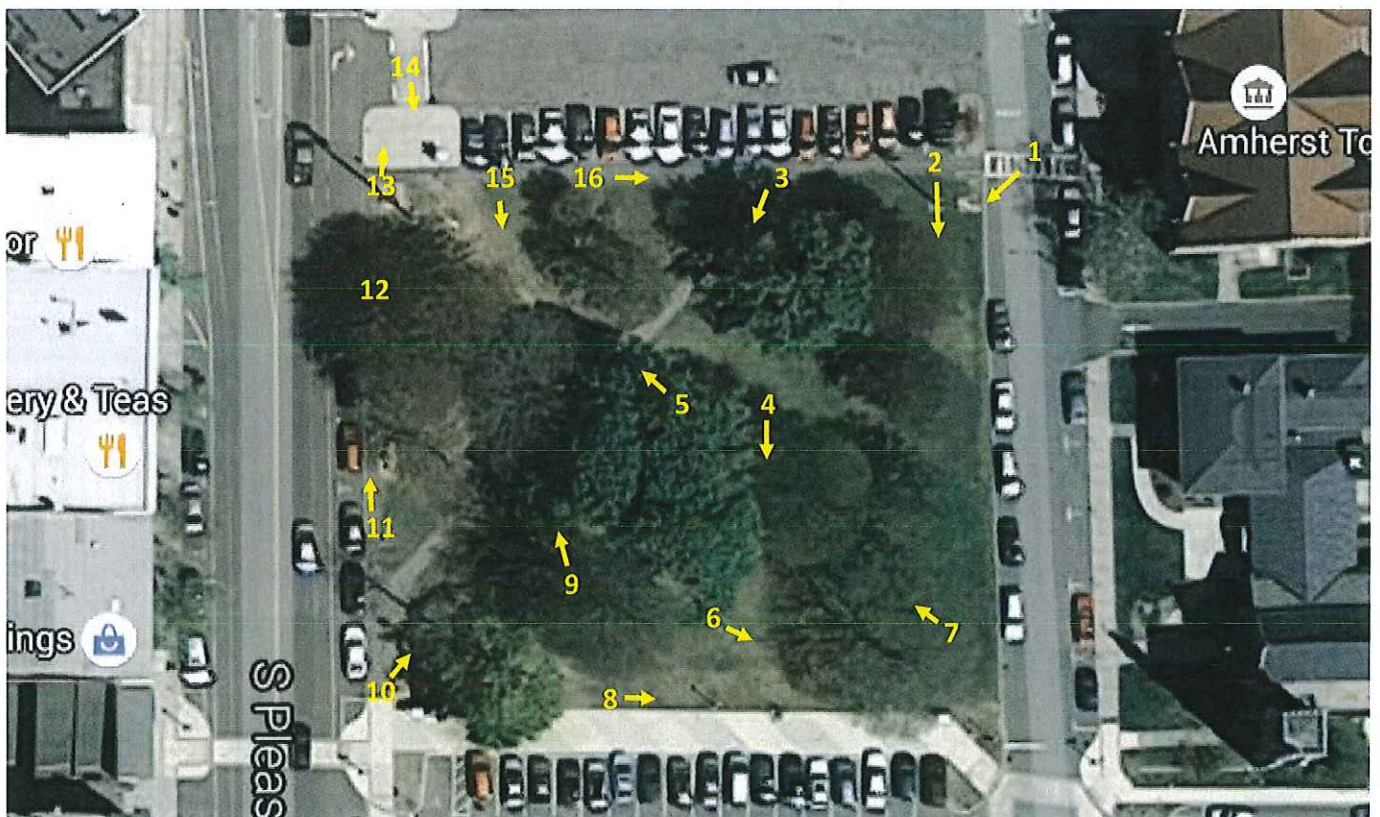
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## NORTH COMMON—EXISTING CONDITIONS

### Photo Index Map

- 1—Looking southwest from corner near Town Hall
- 2—Looking south along Boltwood Ave.
- 3—Looking southwest along diagonal path (note closed WCTU Fountain in shed)
- 4—Looking south at interior of North Common
- 5—Looking northwest from center of space
- 6—Looking southeast from interior of space
- 7—Looking west from Boltwood Ave. into the North Common
- 8—Looking east along new sidewalk on Spring Street parking lot
- 9—Detail of exposed tree roots
- 10—Looking northeast from corner of Spring and South Pleasant Streets
- 11—Looking north along South Pleasant Street
- 12—Looking east from South Pleasant Street
- 13—Detail of sidewalk at northwest corner
- 14—Vigil at northwest corner
- 15—Looking Southeast from corner of space
- 16—looking east toward Town Hall





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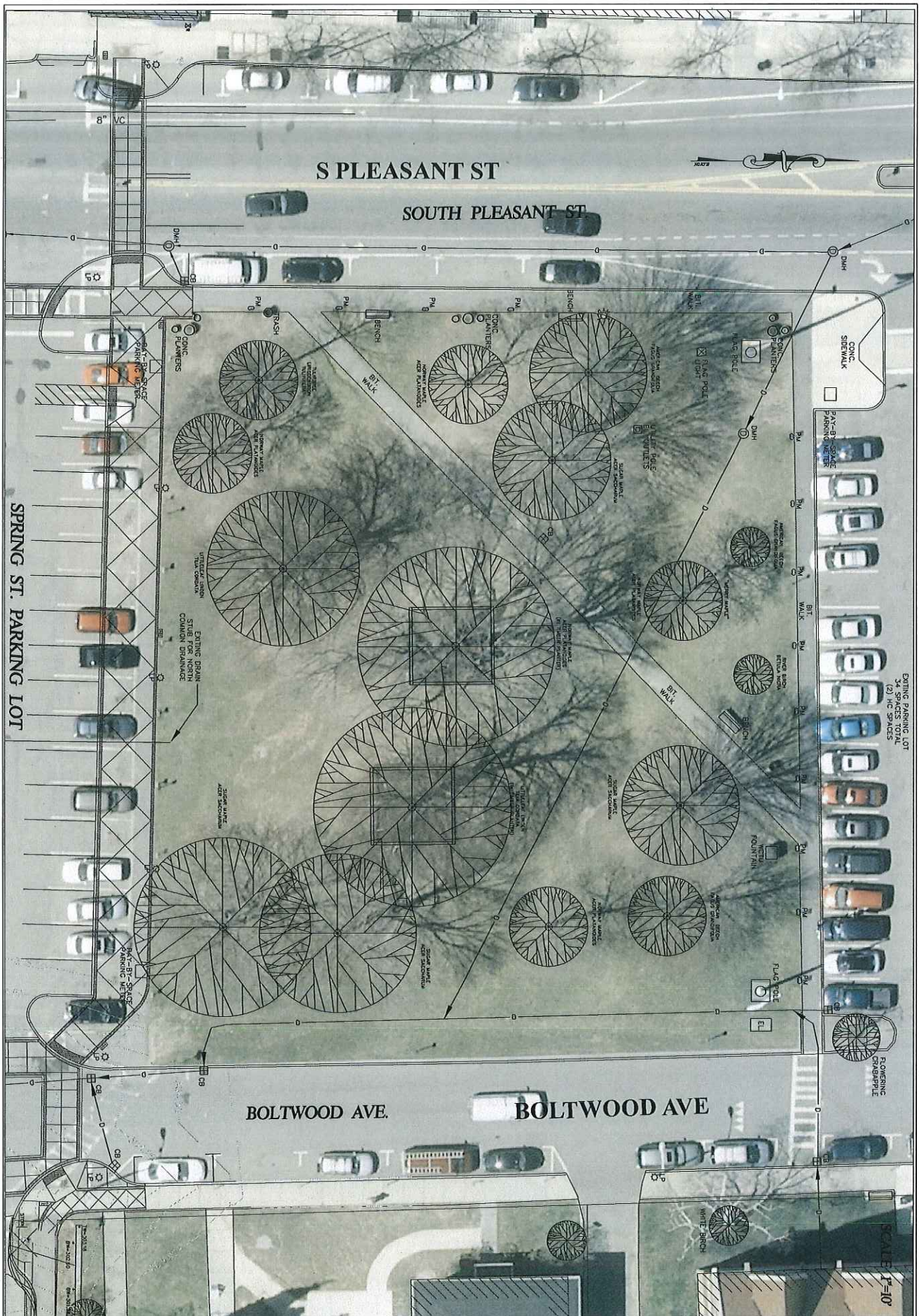




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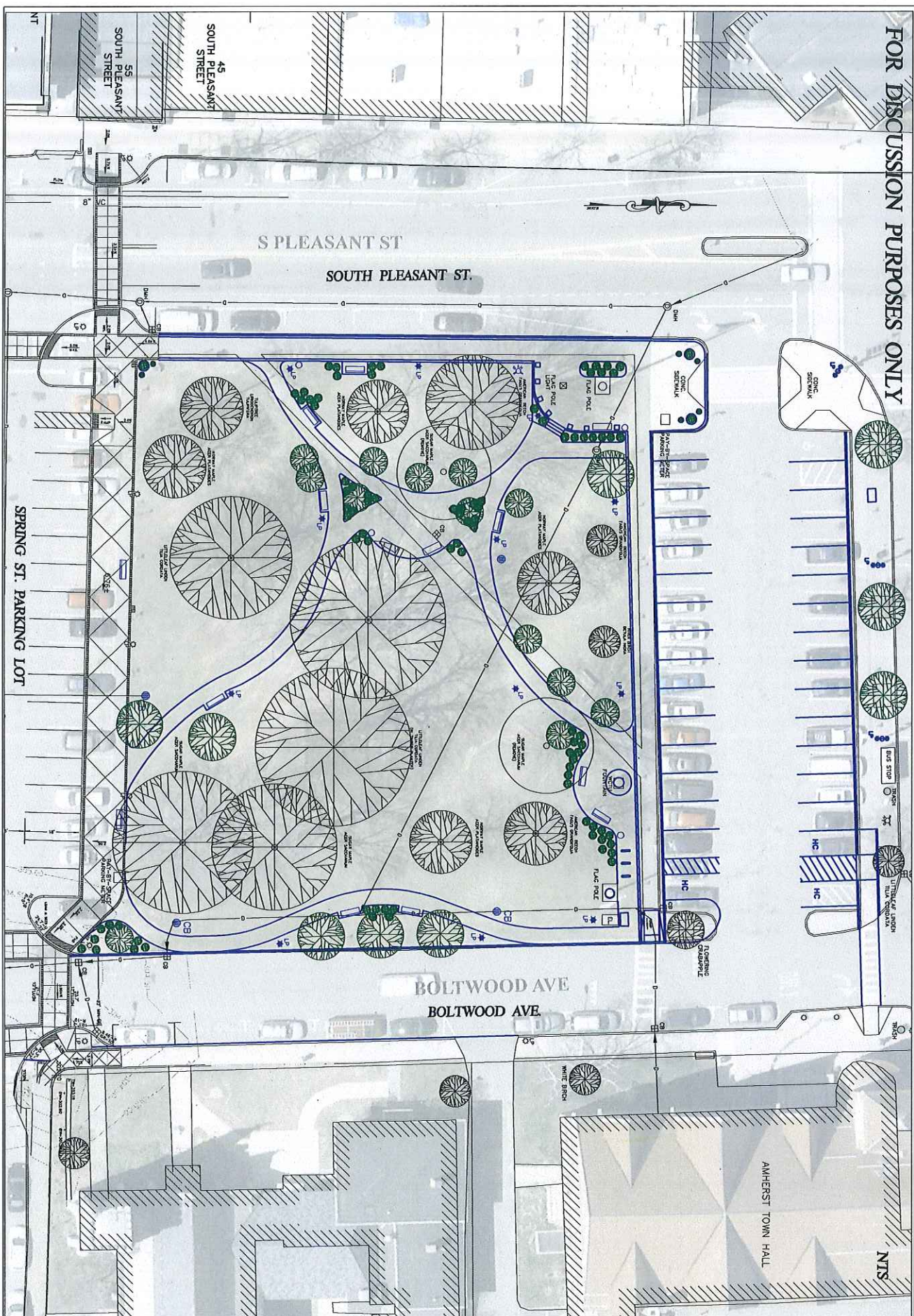





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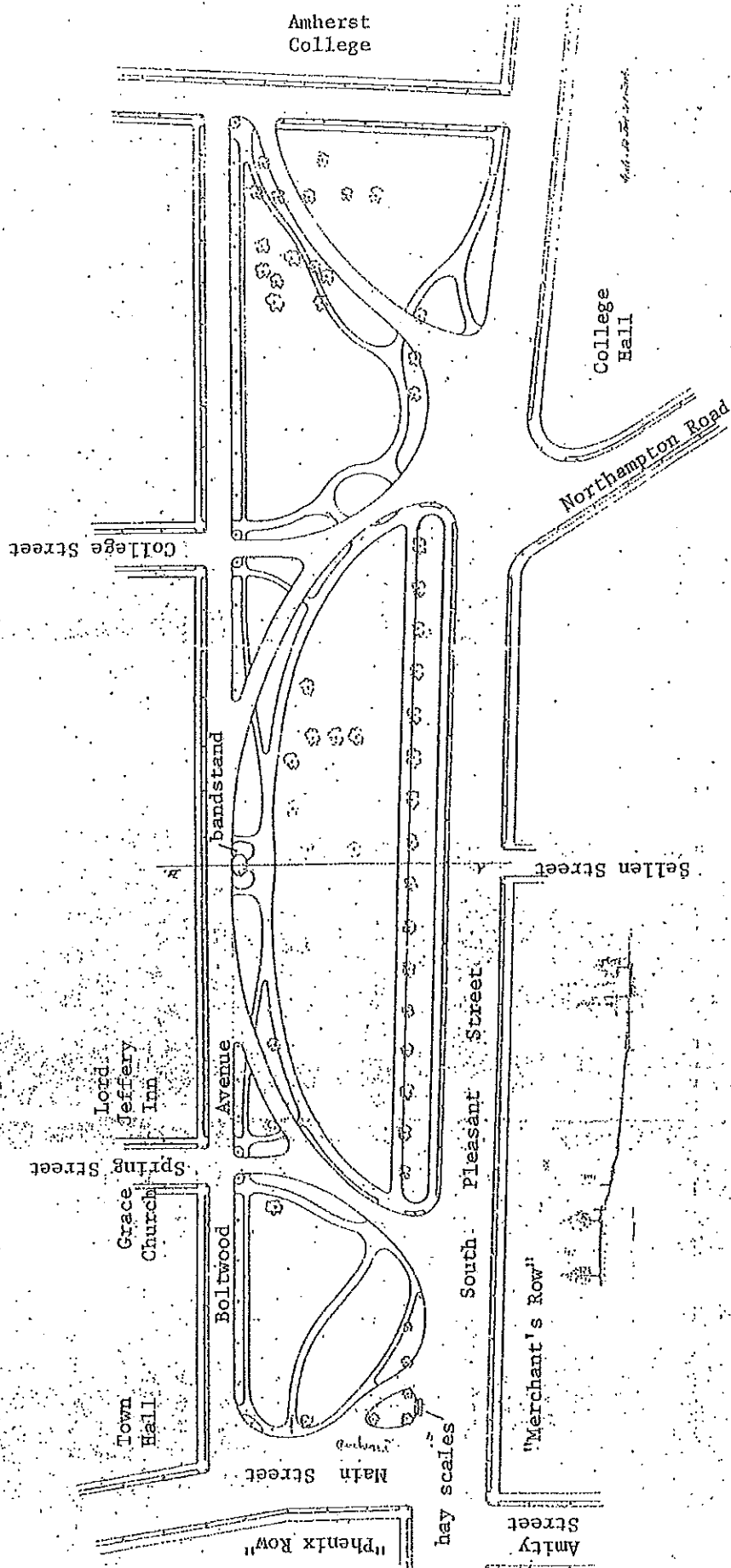


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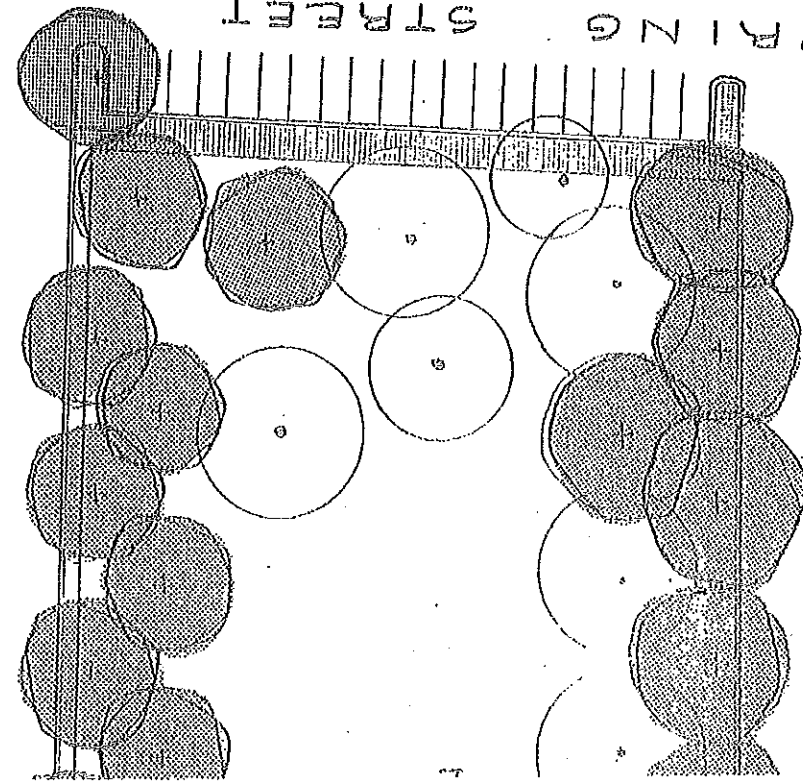
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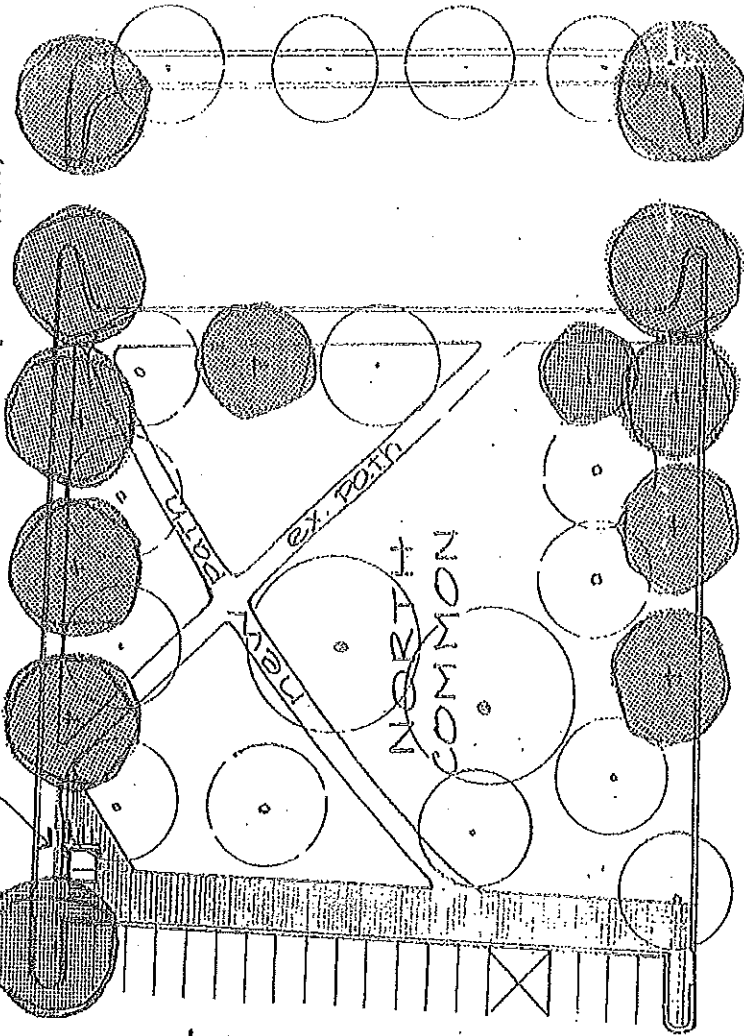


STREET



SPRING STREET

Information Booth (see detail)



MAIN STREET

AVENUE

ILLUSTRATES ADDITIONS AND MAJOR EXISTING FEATURES



scale: 1" = 50'

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